



# The Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act

## Program Status

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# Introduction & Purpose

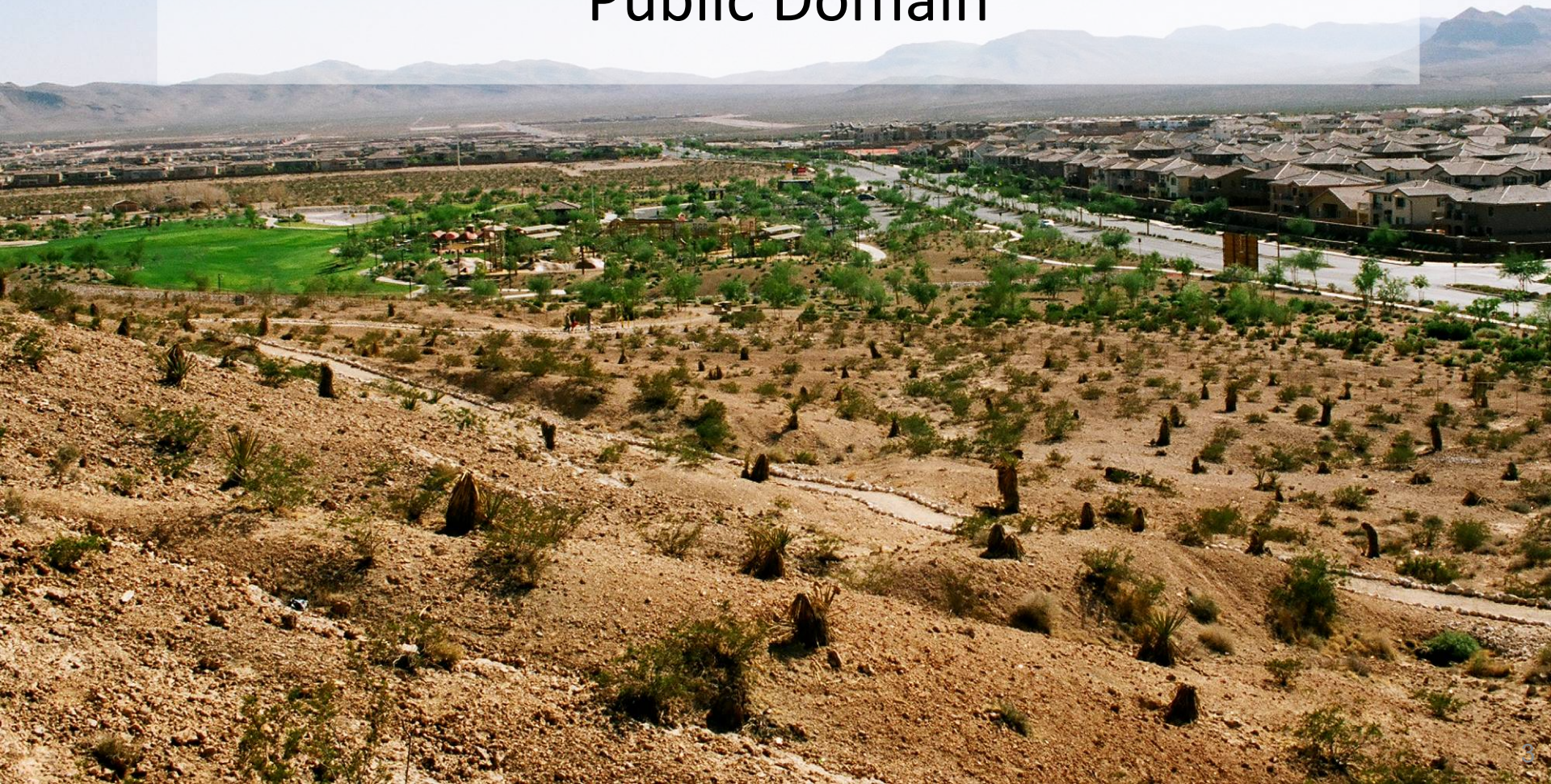


**Las Vegas Valley**

The SNPLMA was enacted in 1998 to provide for the orderly disposal of certain Federal lands in Clark County, Nevada, and expenditure of the sale proceeds and other revenues for purposes identified in the Act.

# SNPLMA Goal #1:

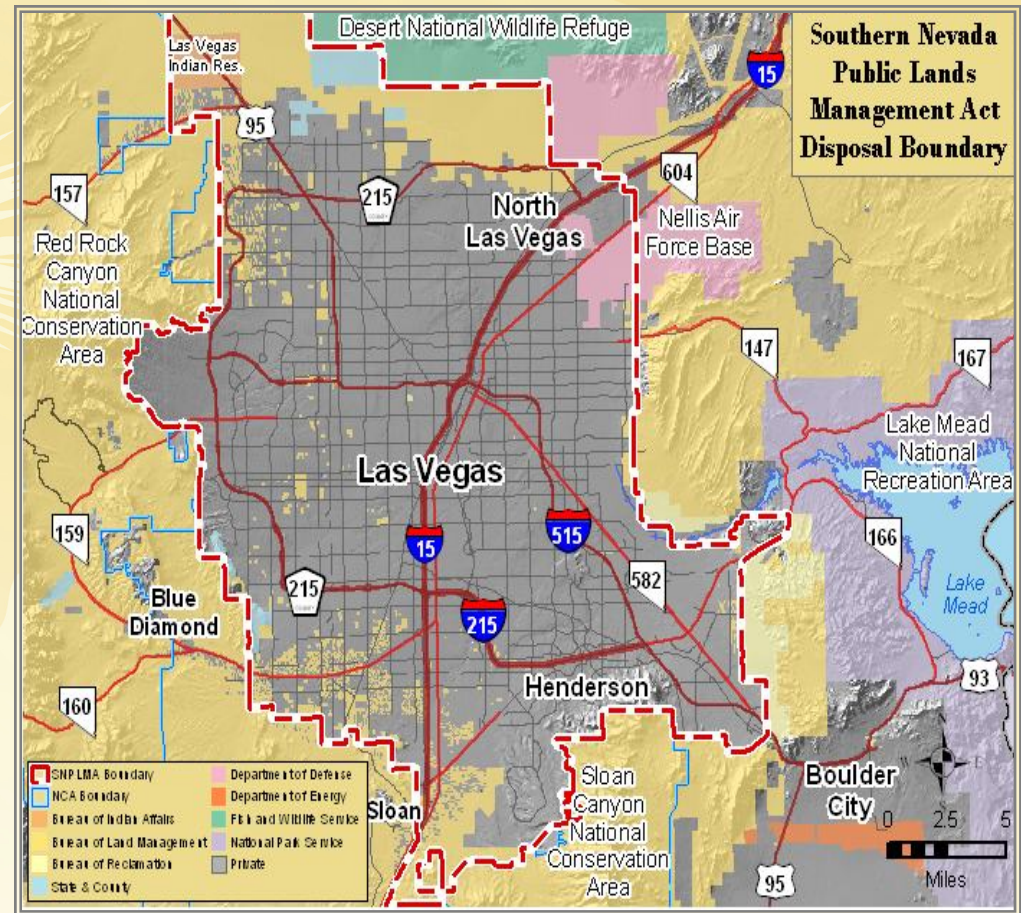
Provide for the Orderly Disposal of the  
Public Domain



# Land Disposal



- The disposal boundary was set by Congress in 1998 and again in 2002.
- Local governments reserve lands for Affordable Housing or conveyance under the R&PP Act
- Parcels in the remaining area are then “jointly selected” by local governments and the Federal Government



# What Becomes of the Sale Parcels?



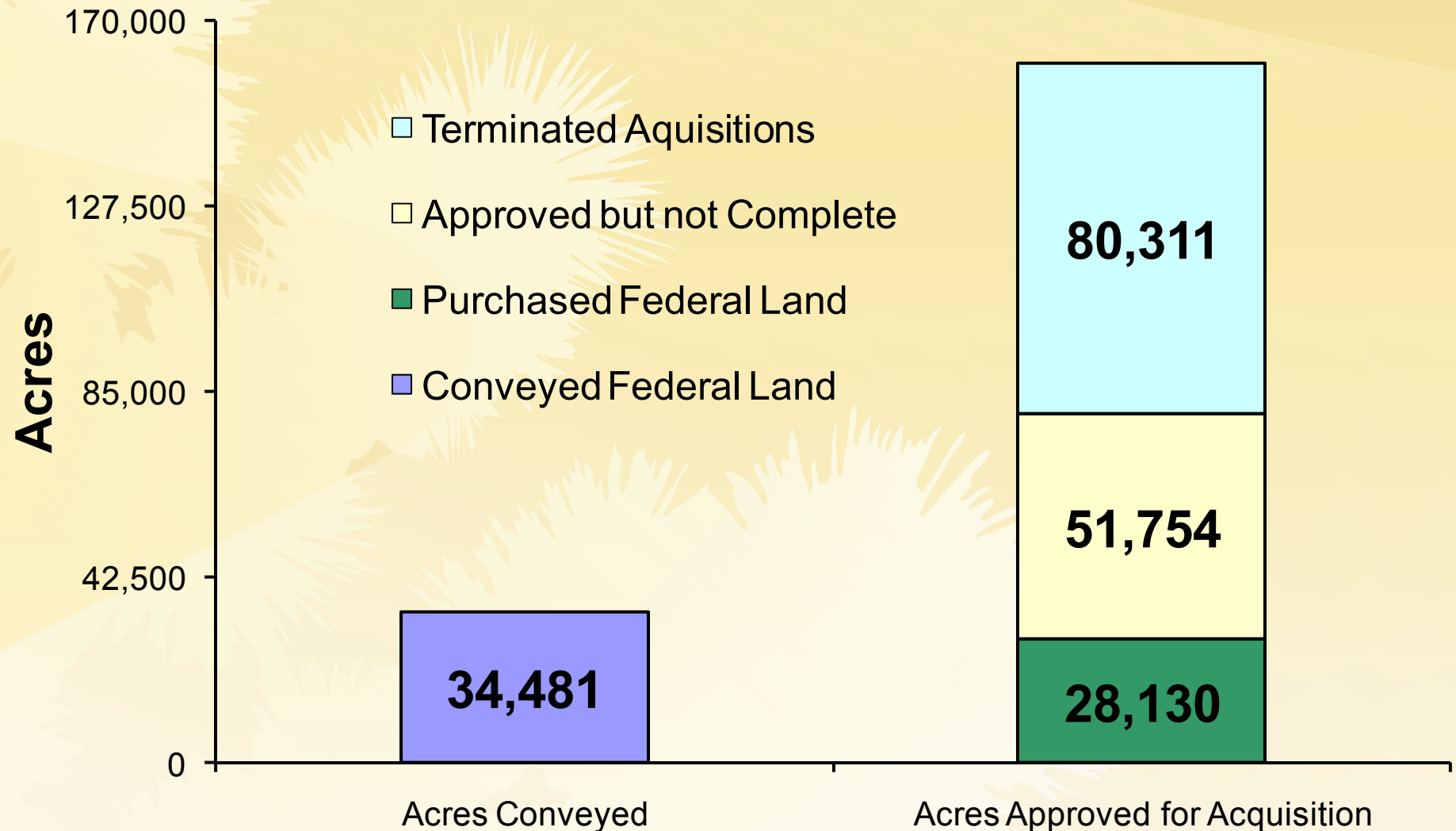
*Mountain's Edge: Master Planned Community in Southern Las Vegas Valley (Public Domain until 2003)*

# Disposal of Land in the Las Vegas Valley: What's the Record?



Acres of Public Domain Within Disposal Boundary	74,000
Acres Reserved (R&PP, Affordable Housing, Conservation Transfer Area)	- 12,568
Acres Sold or Exchanged	- 34,481
Acres Remaining for Disposal	= 26,951

# Disposal and Acquisition of Land in Nevada: What's the Record?



The background of the slide is a photograph of a massive, layered rock formation, likely sandstone, with distinct horizontal and diagonal strata. The rock is a warm, reddish-brown color. At the base of the rock, there is a line of desert vegetation, including several large, spiky yucca plants and various low-lying shrubs. The sky is a clear, bright blue. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid on the upper portion of the rock face, containing the text.

## SNPLMA Goal #2:

Support Other Public Purposes with  
the Sale Proceeds

# Allocation of Revenue



- 5% to the State of NV General Education Fund.
- 10% to the Southern Nevada Water Authority for water system infrastructure in Clark County.
- 85% to the SNPLMA Special Account, for expenditures in eight project categories that are approved by the Secretary of the Interior.



# Mandated Expenditures

- SNPLMA Revenues Are Set-Aside For:
  - Management of Sloan Canyon NCA (\$68.1 million)
  - Virgin River MSHCP & Monitoring (\$11.7 million)
  - Acquisition of Lands at Lake Tahoe (\$61.4 million)
  - Acquisition of in-holdings in the Mojave National Preserve (CA) and protection of petroglyphs in Clark County (\$22.3 million)
  - \$6 million for the BARCAS water study.

# Authorized Expenditures: SNPLMA Operations



- Other Expenditures Are Authorized:
  - Costs to administer the SNPLMA, including preparation of land sales
  - Clean-up and protection of lands reserved for affordable housing

# Authorized Expenditures: The Special Account



## Two Categories Support Local Government Projects:

- Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas
- Clark County MSHCP Development and Implementation

## Six Categories Support Federal Agency Projects:

- Land Acquisitions in Nevada
- Restoration Projects Under the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (NV & CA)
- Capital Improvements
- Conservation Initiatives
- Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Prevention
- Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project



# Nomination To Approval Process

## SNPLMA Process

Call for Nominations

Subgroups

Partners Working Group

Public and Resource Advisory  
Council Review

SNPLMA Executive Committee  
Final Recommendation

Secretary of Interior Approval

## Lake Tahoe Process

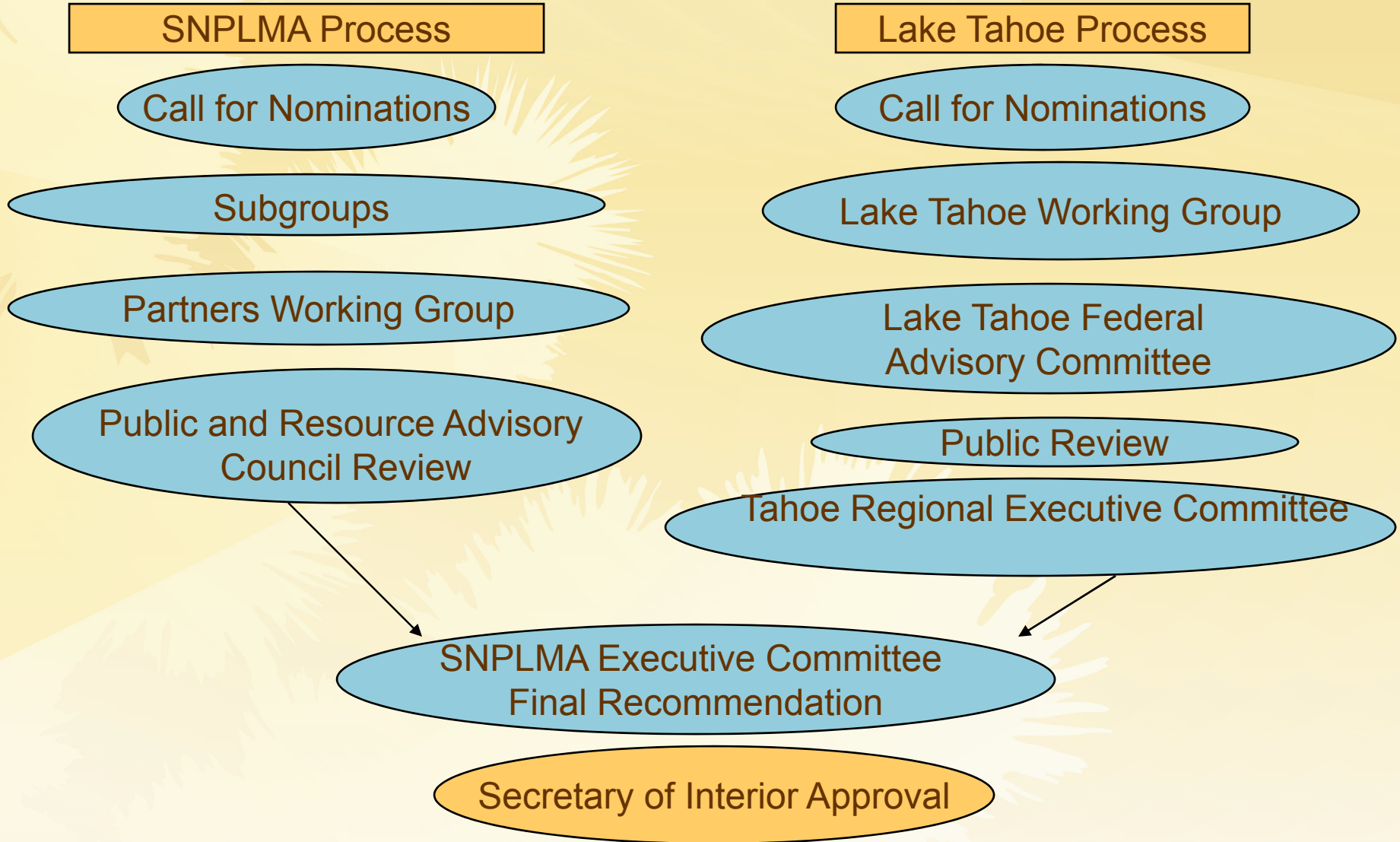
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Lake Tahoe Working Group

Lake Tahoe Federal  
Advisory Committee

Public Review

Tahoe Regional Executive Committee





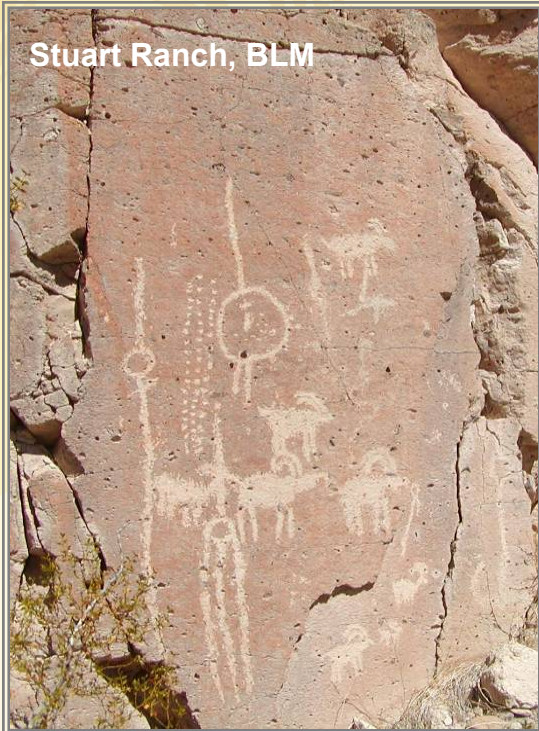
# Category 1: Land Acquisition

- Purpose: Acquire environmentally sensitive lands to serve the public interest
- Eligibility: Lands across the state of Nevada

Horseshutem Springs, Forest Service



Stuart Ranch, BLM



	Completed	In Process	Terminated	Total	%Complete or Terminated
Round 1	5	0	6	11	100%
Round 2	14	0	8	22	100%
Round 3	5	2	11	18	89%
Round 4	18	5	28	51	90%
Round 5	3	1	4	8	88%
Round 6	2	5	1	8	38%
Round 7	0	5	0	5	0%
Round 8	0	5	0	5	0%
Total	47	23	58	128	82%

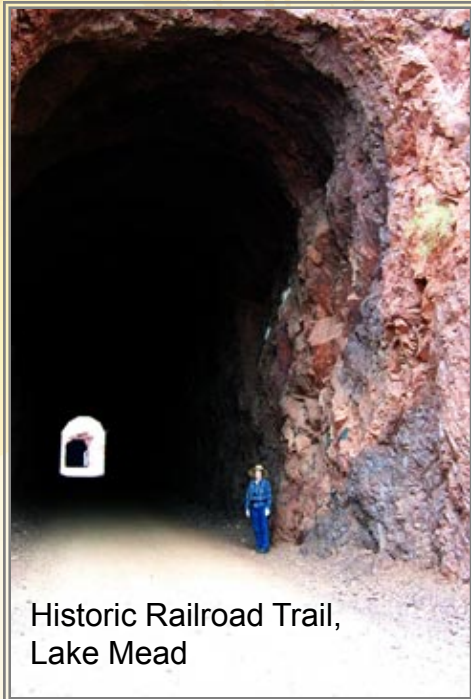


# Category 2: Capital Improvements

- Purpose: Allow Federal recreation facilities to support visitation levels
- Eligibility: NPS, BOR, FWS, BLM, USFS in southern Nevada. Limited to 25% of amount available.



RRCNCA, Red Spring Boardwalk



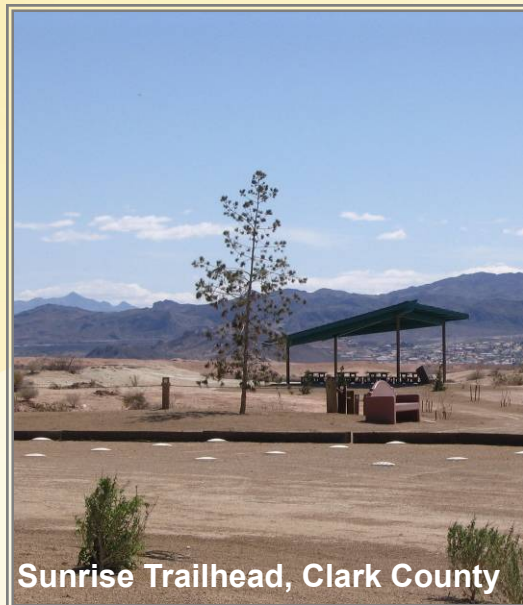
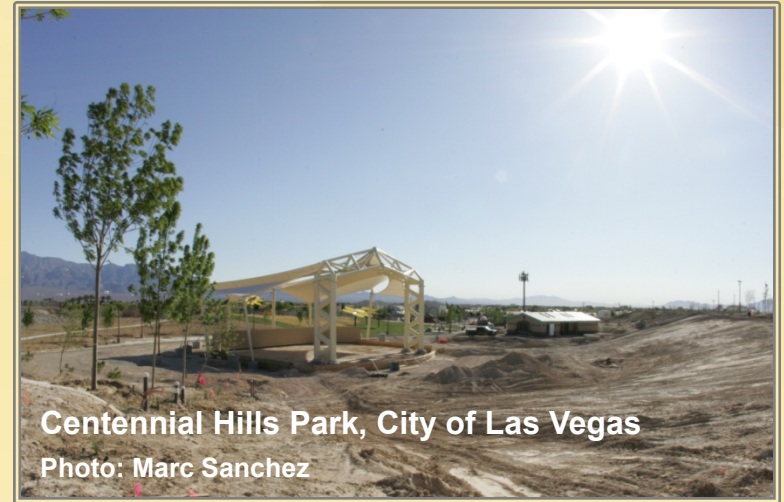
Historic Railroad Trail,  
Lake Mead

	Completed	In Process	Terminated	Total	%Complete or Terminated
Round 1	14	0	1	15	100%
Round 2	19	2	3	24	92%
Round 3	18	23	3	44	48%
Round 4	4	35	1	40	13%
Round 5	1	31	1	32	3%
Round 6	0	37	1	38	2%
Round 7	0	6	0	6	0%
Round 8	0	5	0	5	0%
Total	56	139	10	193	34%

# Category 3: Parks, Trails, & Natural Areas



- Purpose: Development of open space and connectivity at the local level
- Eligibility: Local and regional governments in Clark, Lincoln, White Pine, and Washoe Counties.



	Completed	In Process	Terminated	Total	%Complete or Terminated
Round 1	1	0	0	1	100%
Round 2	5	0	1	6	100%
Round 3	7	13	0	20	35%
Round 4	2	22	4	28	21%
Round 5	1	39	0	40	3%
Round 6	0	46	0	46	0%
Round 7	0	6	0	6	0%
Round 8	0	9	0	9	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>14%</b>



# Category 4: MSHCP

- Purpose: Development and implementation of a Habitat Conservation Plan for 78 species in Clark County
- Eligibility: Clark County, NV



Desert Tortoise



Bear Poppy

	Completed	In Process	Terminated	Total	%Complete or Terminated
Round 2	1	0	0	1	100%
Round 4	0	2	0	2	0%
Round 6	0	57	2	59	4%
Round 8	0	3	0	3	0%
Total	1	62	2	65	5%

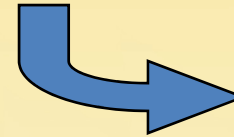


# Category 5: Conservation Initiatives

- Purpose: Promote resource protection, habitat restoration, species management, environmental education, volunteerism and site stewardship
- Eligibility: Federal agencies in southern Nevada. Limited to 10% of amounts available



Battleship Wash  
Clean-up

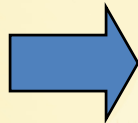


	Completed	In Process	Terminated	Total	%Complete or Terminated
Round 4	1	11	0	12	8%
Round 5	2	19	0	21	10%
Round 6	0	30	0	30	0%
Round 7	0	22	0	22	0%
Round 8	0	10	0	10	0%
Total	3	92	0	95	3%



# Category 6: Lake Tahoe Restoration

- Purpose: Funding for the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program under the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act
- Eligibility: Federal agencies with projects identified in the EIP adopted by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency



Cookhouse Meadow Restoration



Lake Tahoe



BMPs for Erosion Control

	Completed	In Process	Terminated	Total	%Complete or Terminated
Round 5	4	46	0	50	8%
Round 6	0	49	1	50	2%
Round 7	0	63	0	63	0%
Round 8	0	31	0	31	0%
Total	4	189	1	194	3%

# Category 7: Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Prevention



- Purpose: Development and implementation of 10-year comprehensive, cost-effective, multijurisdictional hazardous fuels reduction plans
- Eligibility: Any project named in one of the plans approved for the Lake Tahoe Basin, Carson Range, and the Spring Mountains, across ownerships

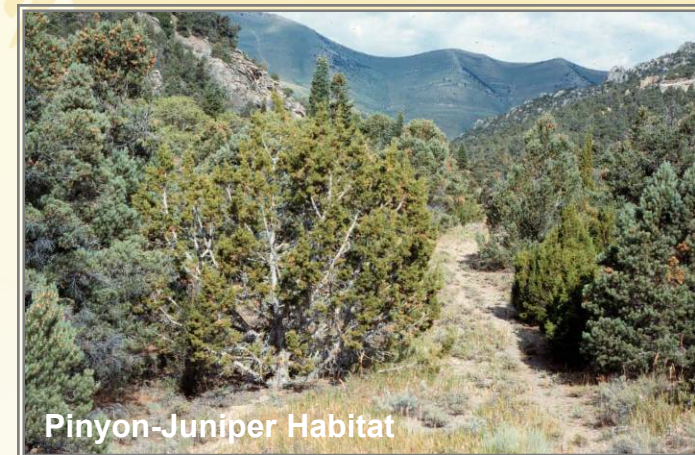


	Completed	In Process	Terminated	Total	%Complete or Terminated
Round 8	0	14	0	14	0%
Total	0	14	0	14	0%

# Category 8: Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project



- Purpose: Ensure resilient and healthy ecosystems by restoring native plant communities to a natural landscape
- Eligibility: Federal agencies nominate work, which may be done across Federal and non-Federal lands in Lincoln and White Pine Counties



	Completed	In Process	Terminated	Total	%Complete or Terminated
Round 8	0	3	0	3	0%
Total	0	3	0	3	0%

# Project Completion/Termination: Overall SNPLMA Progress



	Completed	In Process	Terminated	Total	%Complete or Terminated
Round 1	20	0	7	27	100%
Round 2	39	2	12	53	96%
Round 3	30	39	13	82	52%
Round 4	21	80	32	133	40%
Round 5	10	137	4	151	9%
Round 6	2	225	4	231	3%
Round 7	0	102	0	102	0%
Round 8	0	80	0	80	0%
Total	122	665	72	858	23%



# Improved Program Accountability

- Managers are treating SNPLMA as a program of work and not simply a bank
- Auditors have insisted on improved control measures
- The Secretary of the Interior now requires approved Project Plans and quarterly reporting against these plans
- Individual projects are being scrutinized from nomination to completion
- BLM now requires site visits to provide information on project progress and spending
- BLM is improving its annual reporting to congress

# SNPLMA Revenue

## Where Has the Value of BLM Lands Gone?



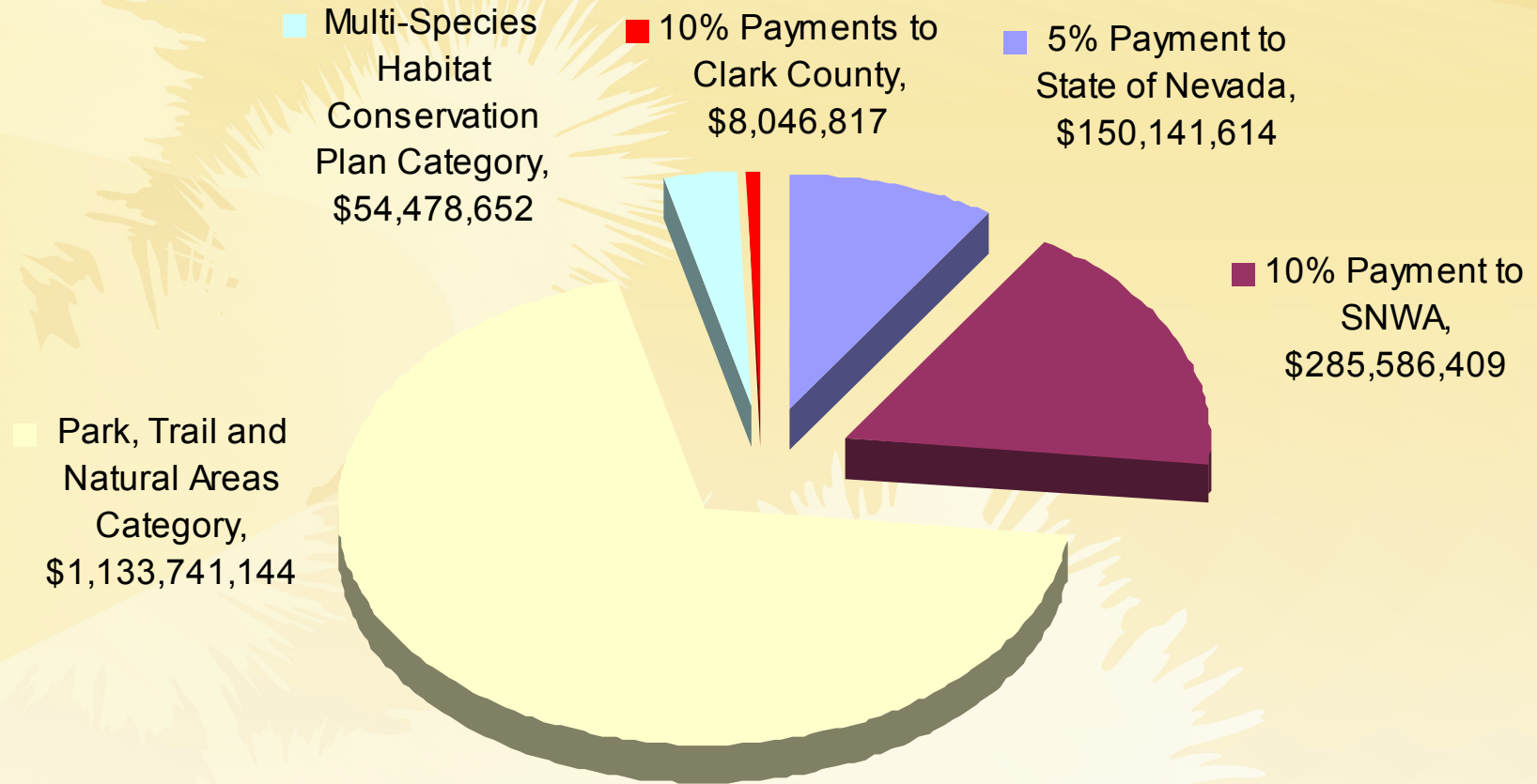
# Sales and Investment Revenue has Supported Federal and Nonfederal Entities Equally



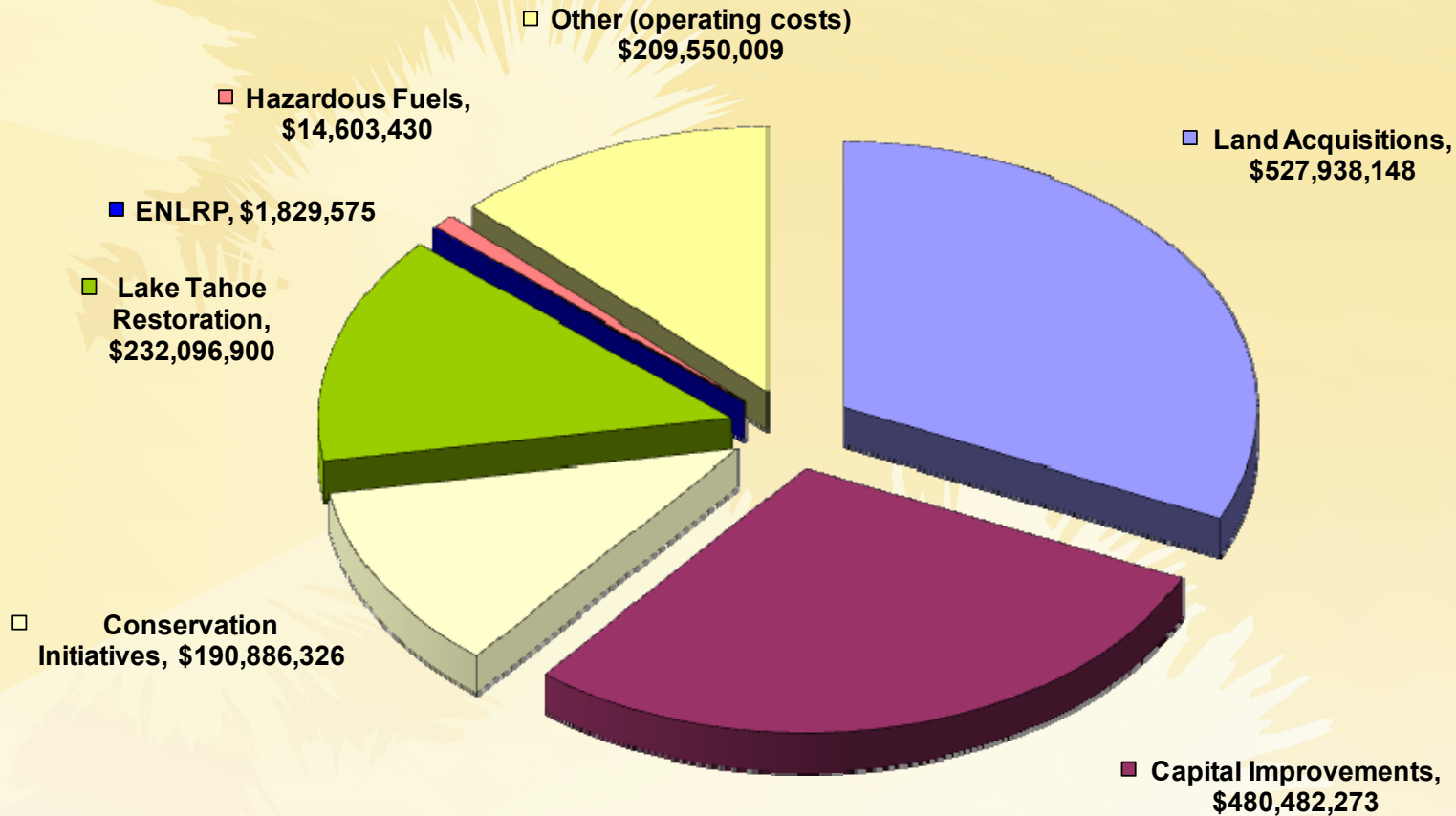
## Land Sale and Investment Totals Thru March 31, 2008

<b>Total Revenue from Sales and Interest</b>	<b>\$3,245,584,449</b>	
<b>Disbursements to Nonfederal Entities</b>	<b>\$1,632,118,728</b>	<b>50.3%</b>
<b>Total Retained within Federal Ownership</b>	<b>\$1,613,465,721</b>	<b>49.7%</b>

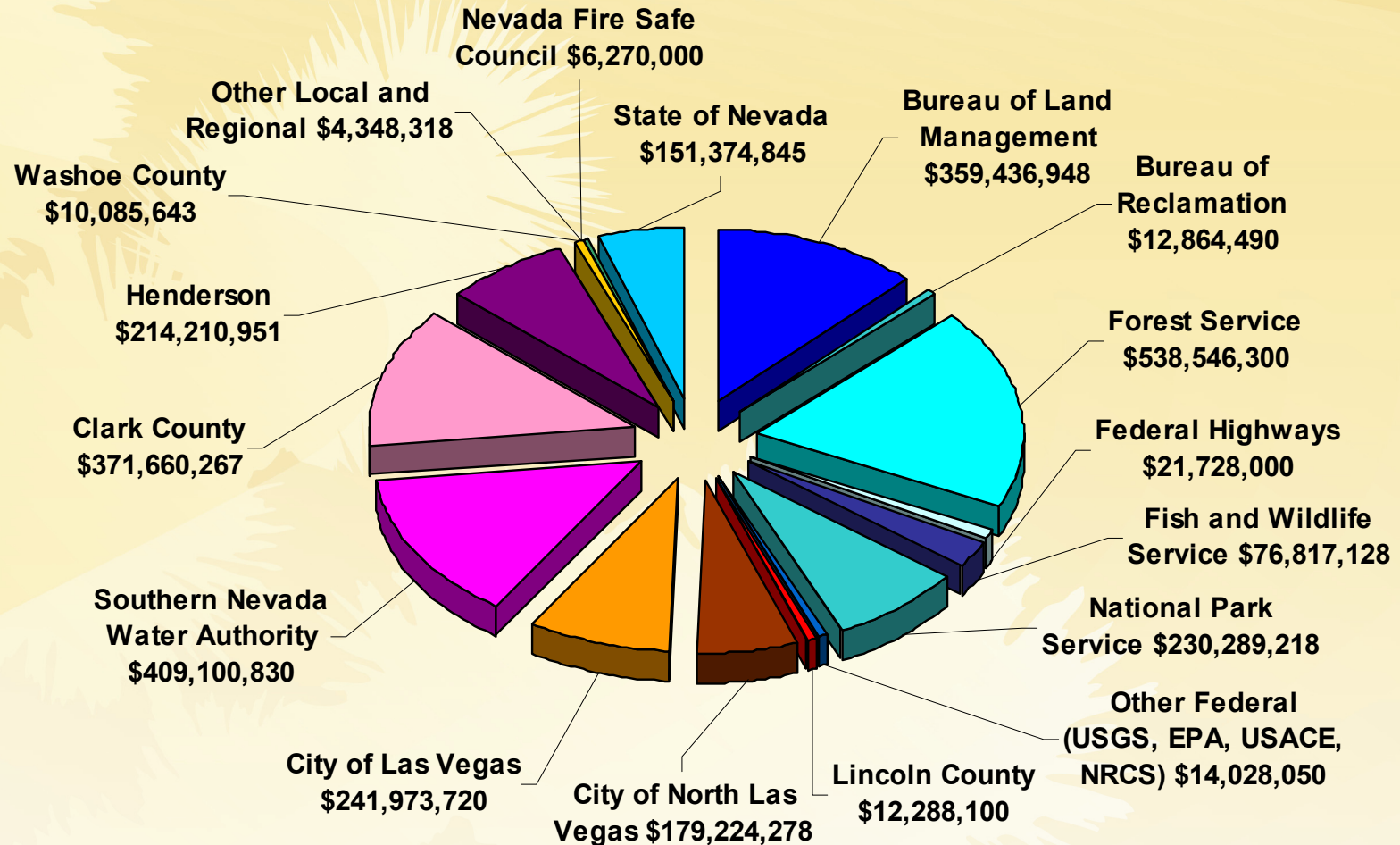
# Through Round 8, 50% Has Been Distributed to State, Local, and Regional Government Entities



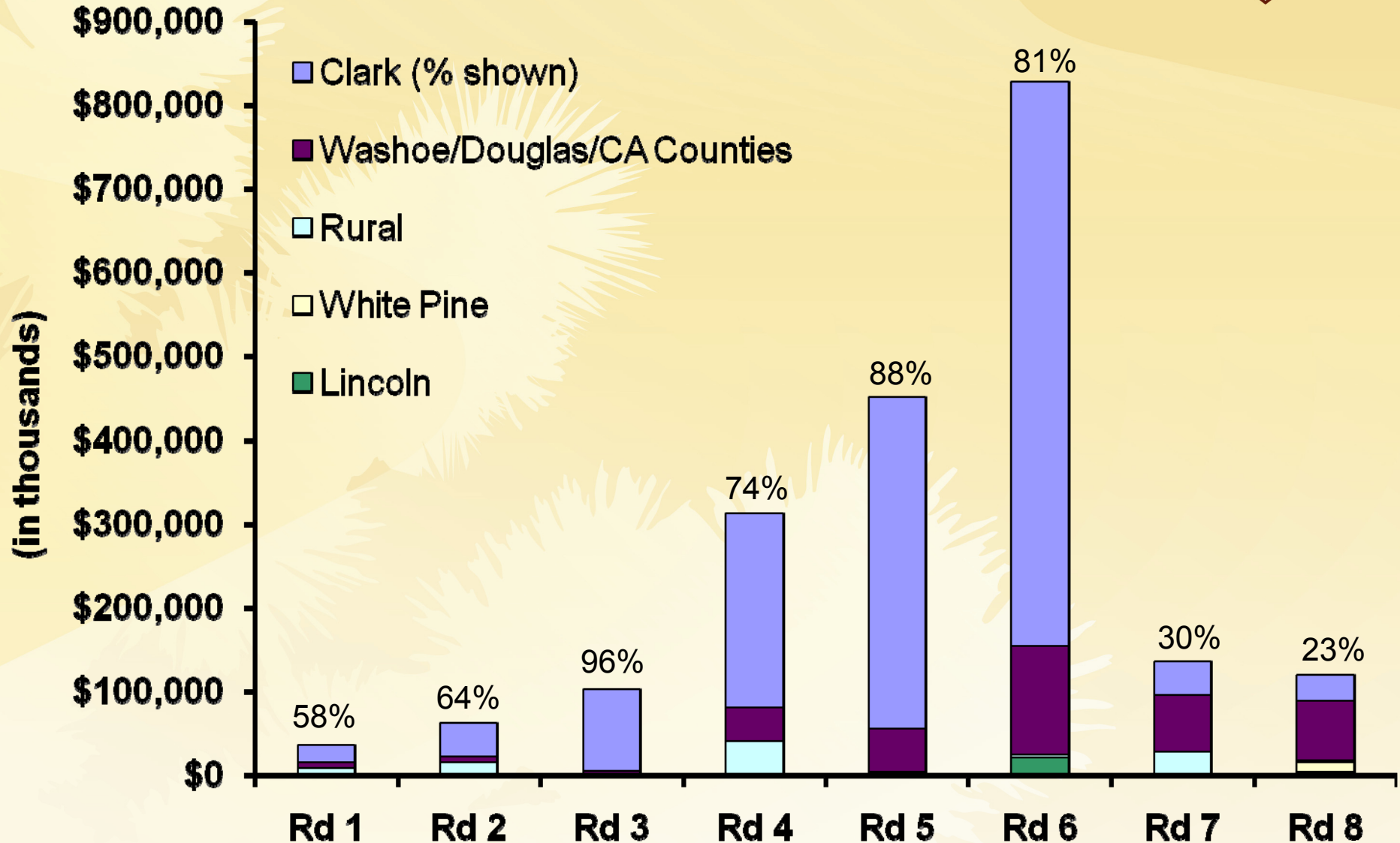
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# SNPLMA Payments to all Entities Through Round 8



# SNPLMA Has Expanded Geographically to Benefit More Than Clark County

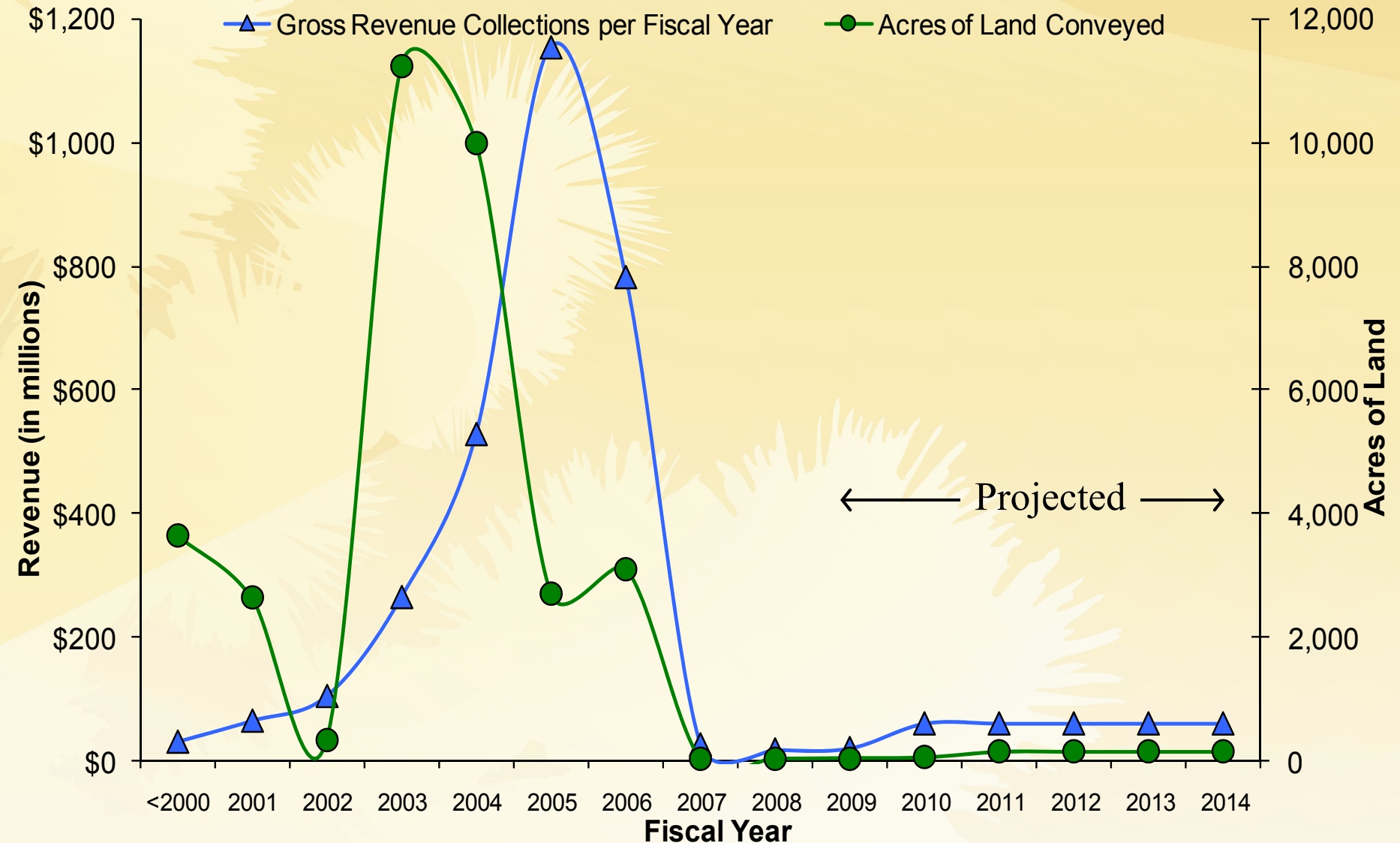


# Revenue Projection Beyond 2008





# Land Sale Trends



# Land Auction Trends 2000-2008: Acres Offered vs. Sold

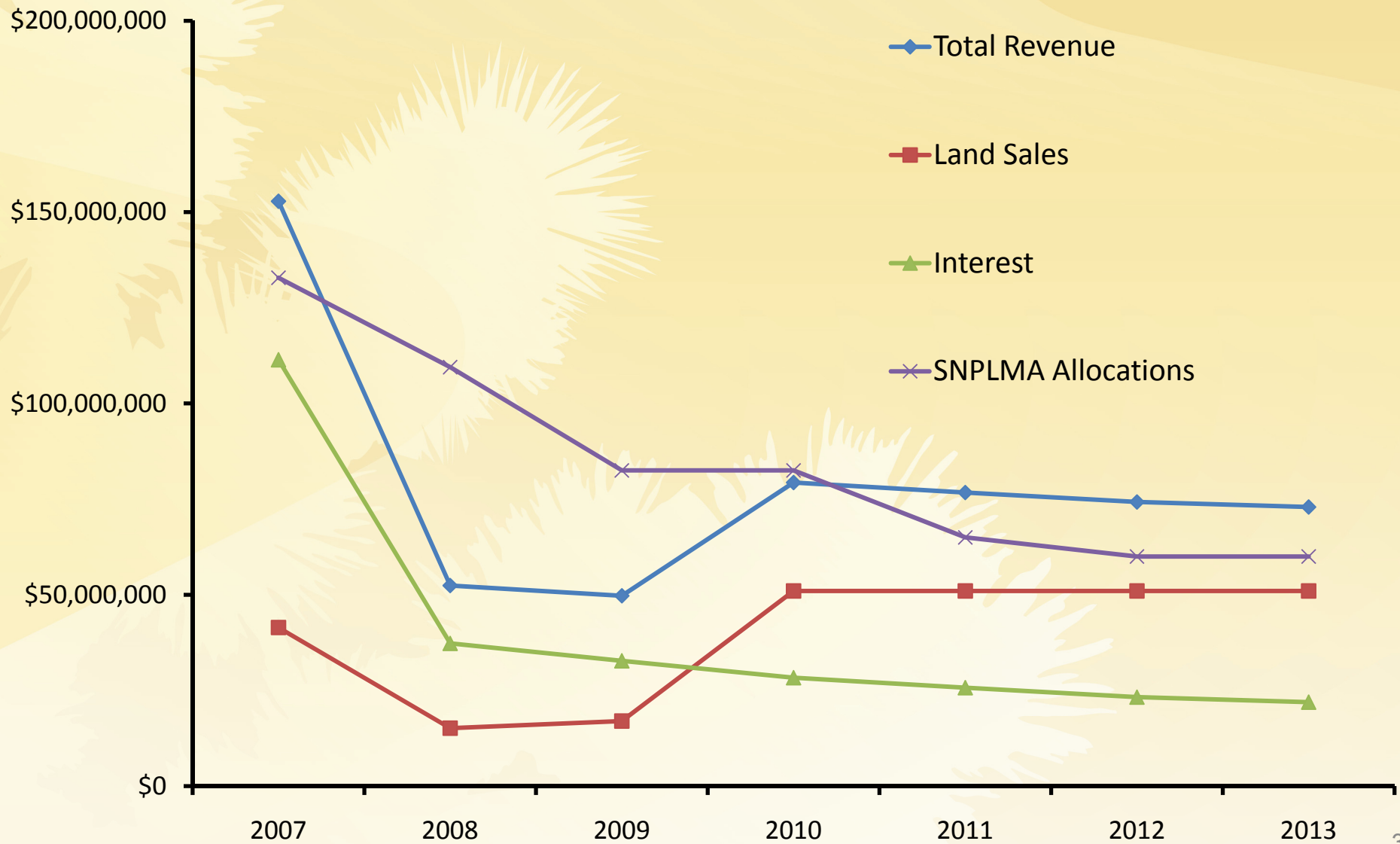


# Land Auction Trends 2000-2008: Lands sold compared to offered



Fiscal Year	Acres Offered	Acres Sold	Percentage Sold vs. Offered
2000	297.66	215.16	<b>72%</b>
2001	2,223.13	2,213.13	<b>100%</b>
2002	343.51	341.01	<b>99%</b>
2003	2,142.51	2,130.01	<b>99%</b>
2004	3,244.71	3,243.46	<b>100%</b>
2005	1,920.41	1,912.87	<b>100%</b>
2006	3,381.45	2,888.13	<b>85%</b>
2007	51.25	30.0	<b>59%</b>
2008	330.74	32.5	<b>10%</b>

# Projected Revenue to and Allocation from the Special Account





# Implication of Current Trends

- With fewer acres conveyed there has been a decrease in funds generated.
- With the addition of new categories of work and counties, available dollars are stretched further and a smaller percentage of funds is available for individual categories and counties.